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The cover art features King Spawn, a character with a large, white, skull-like head and a body covered in dark, jagged armor. He is holding a large, curved sword and is surrounded by a dark, stormy background with green lightning. The character's body is adorned with chains and spikes, and he has a menacing expression.

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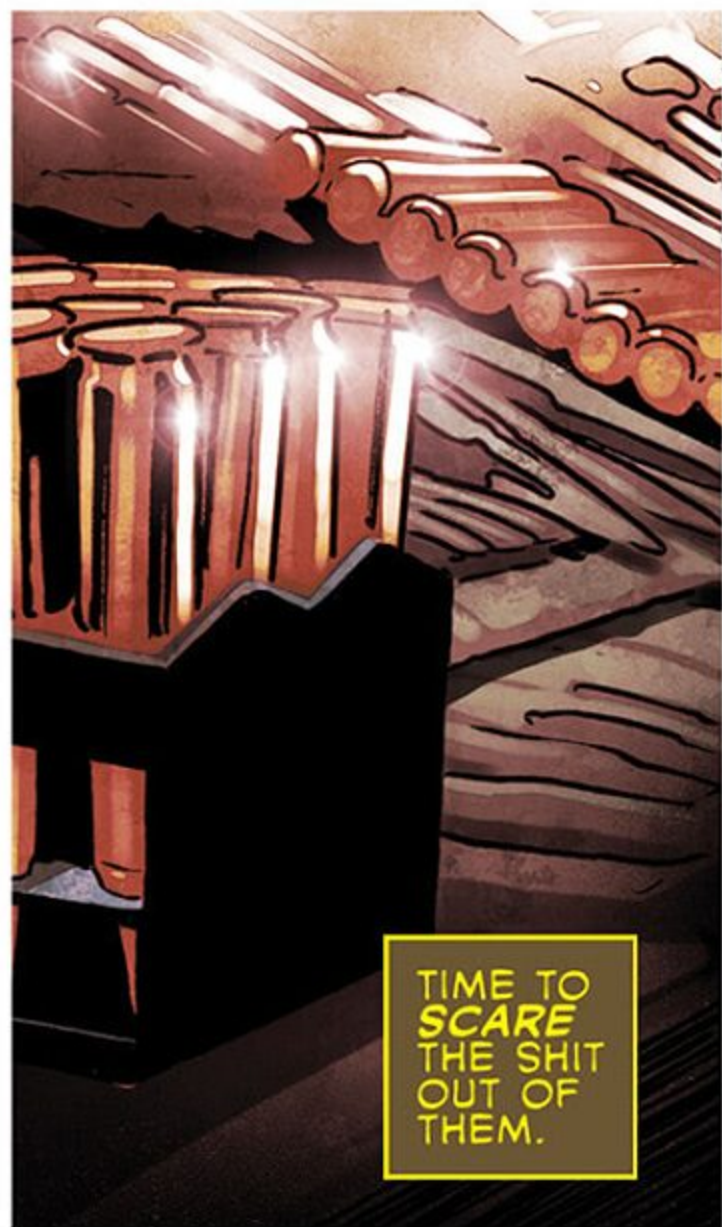
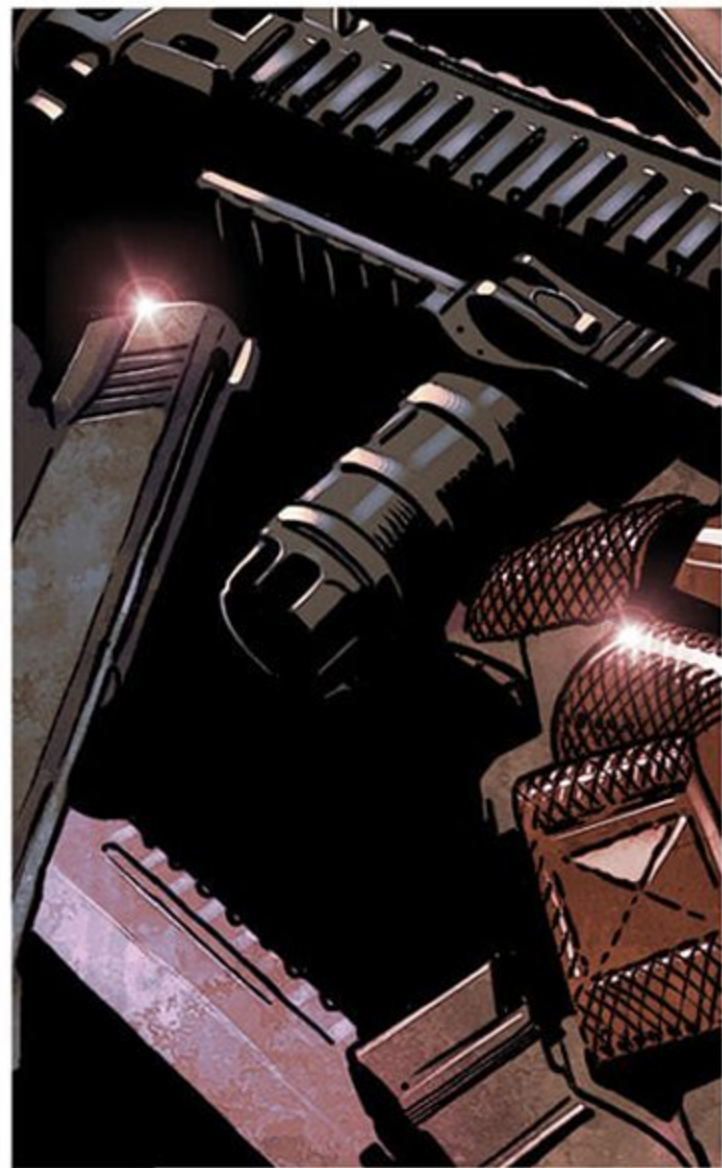
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PREVIOUSLY IN *KING SPAWN*

Spawn decides he needs to find a way into Hell. One that will allow him to proceed unnoticed.





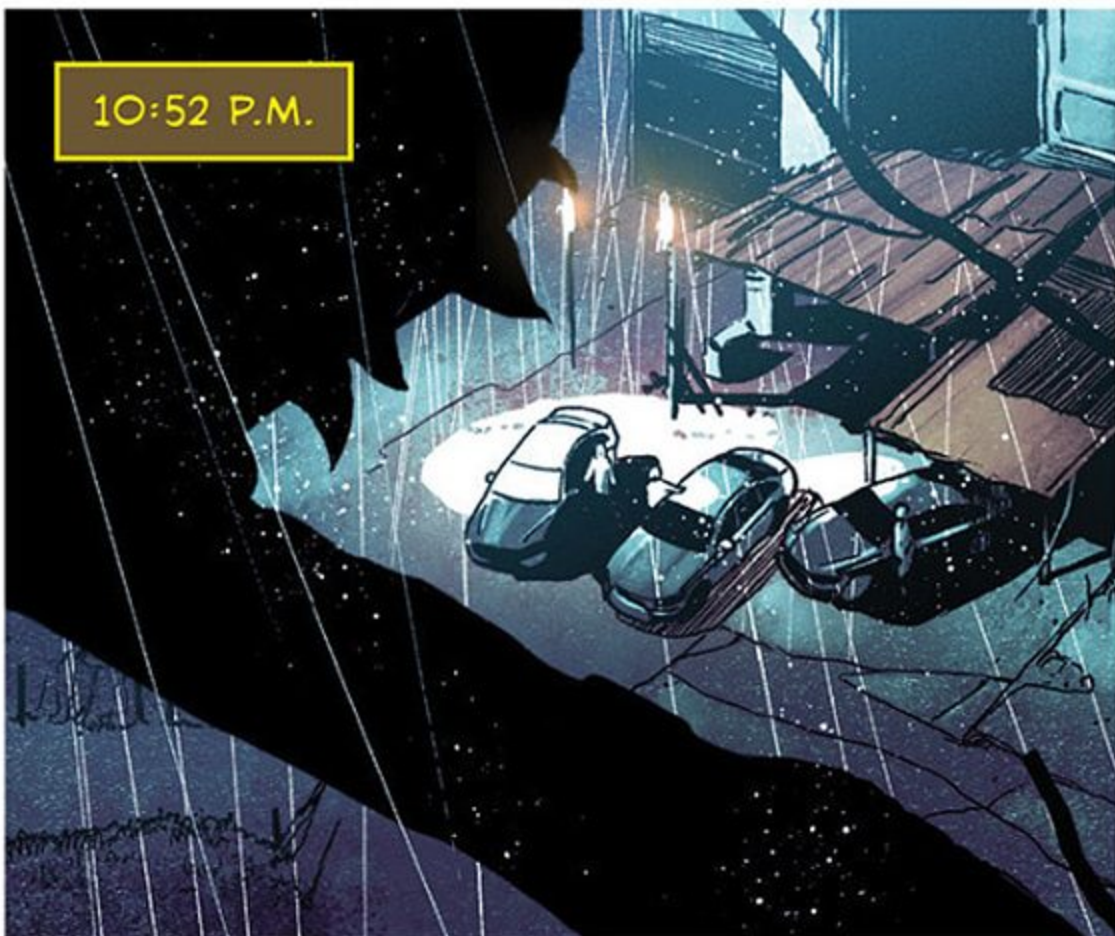
HE CROSSES THE CITY, HEADING TO ITS OUTSKIRTS.



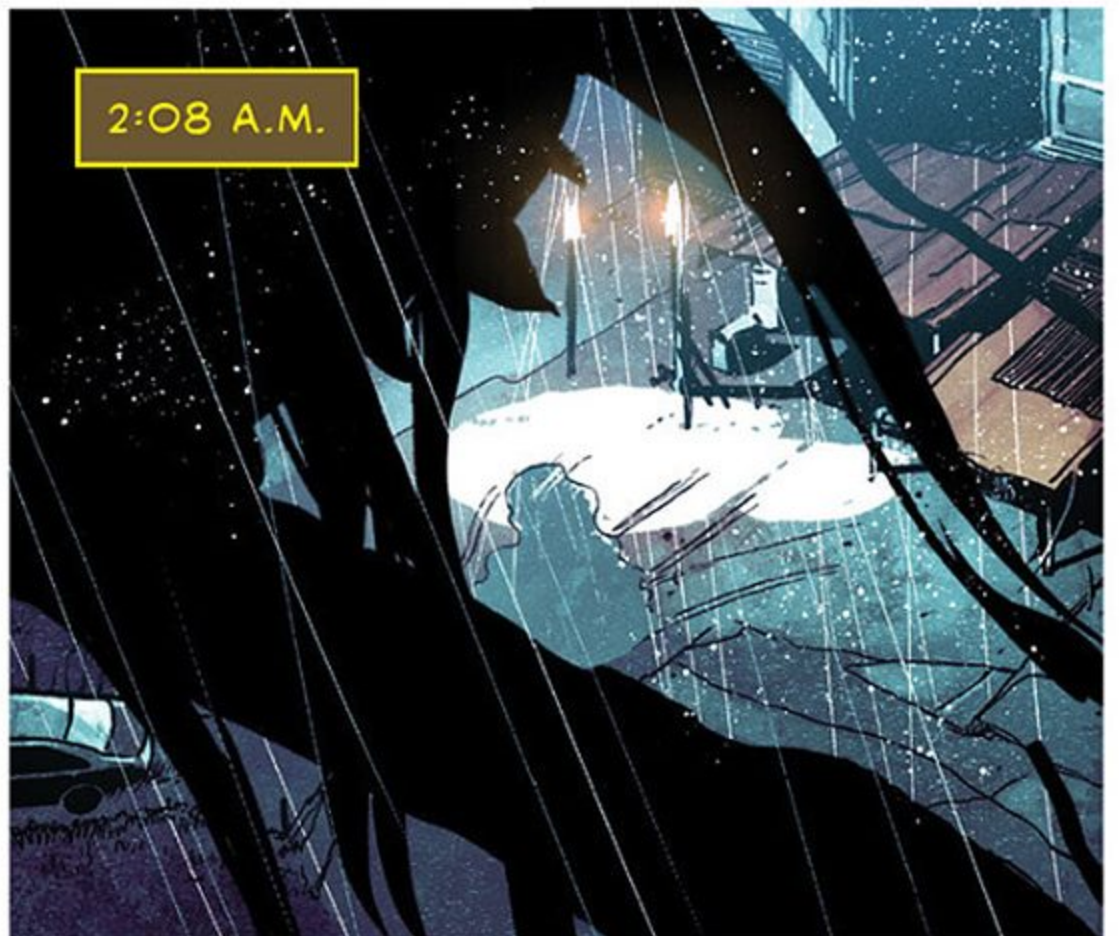
WITH ONE WISH ON HIS MIND.



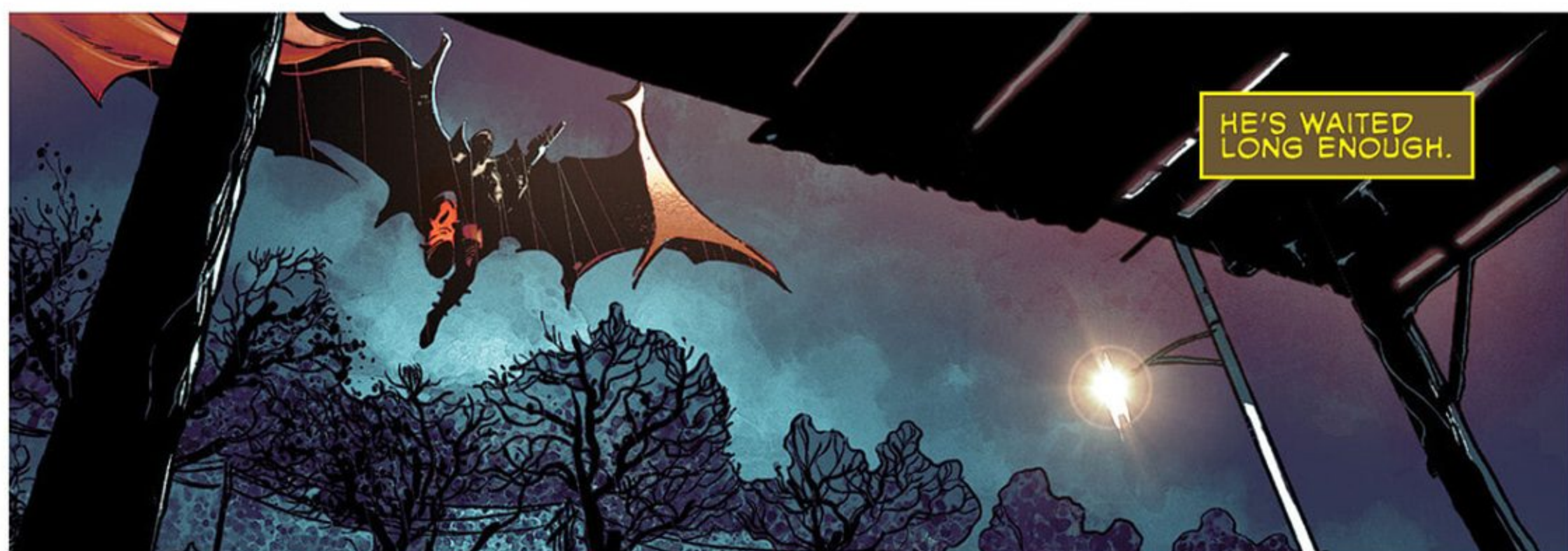
HE PRAYS THEY TRY AND RESIST.



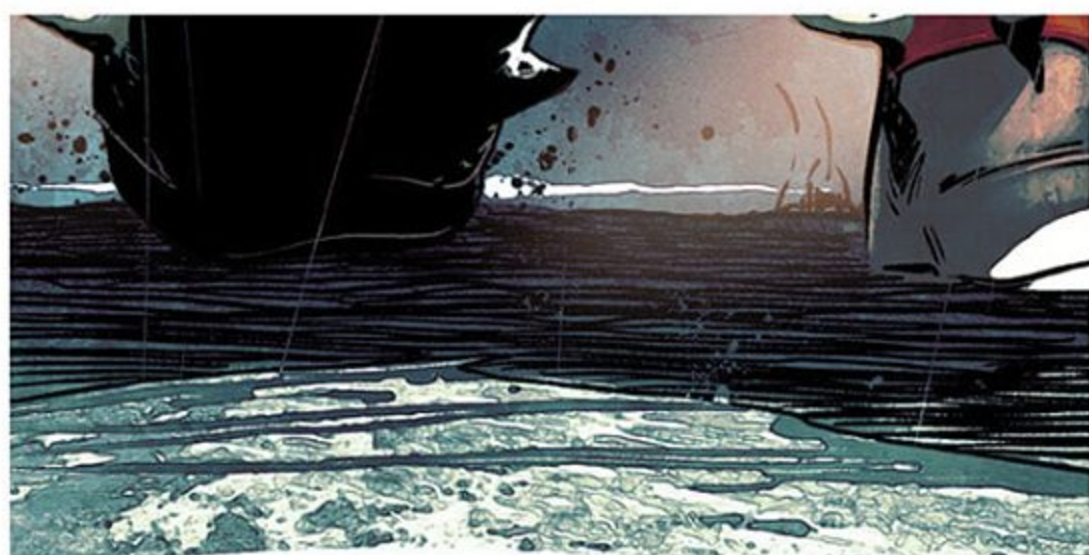
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HE'S WAITED
LONG ENOUGH.



HIS TARGET IS
NOW ALONE.



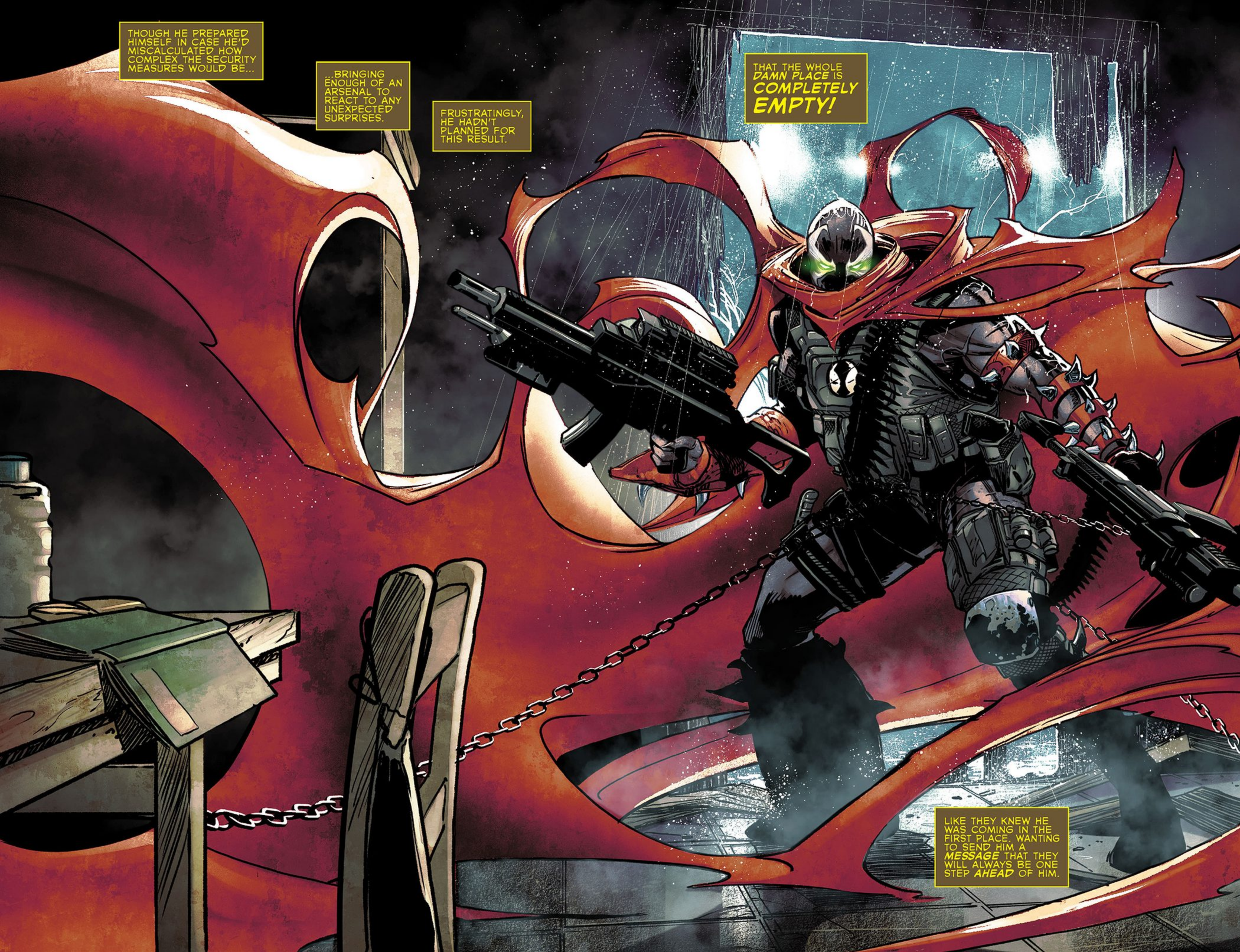
THOUGH HE PREPARED
HIMSELF IN CASE HE'D
MISCALCULATED HOW
COMPLEX THE SECURITY
MEASURES WOULD BE...

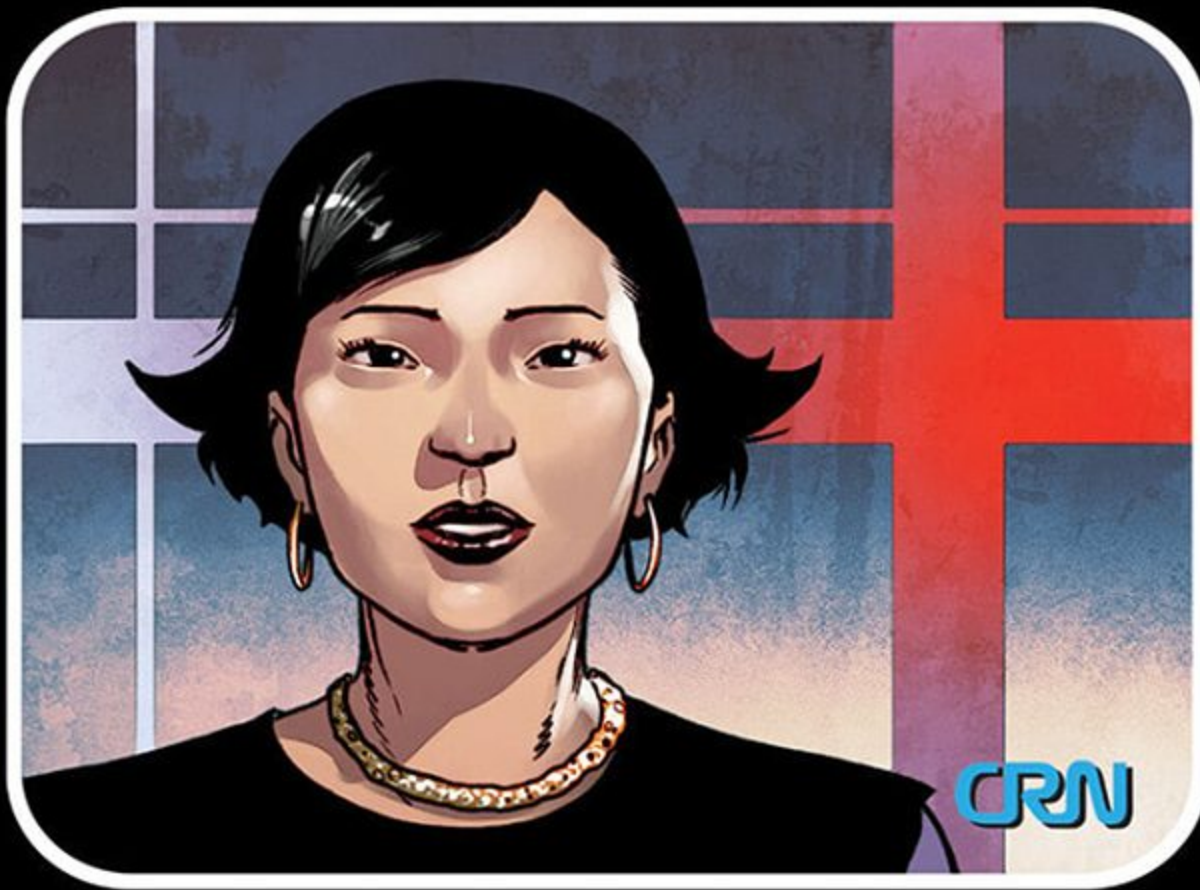
...BRINGING
ENOUGH OF AN
ARSENAL TO
REACT TO ANY
UNEXPECTED
SURPRISES.

FRUSTRATINGLY,
HE HADN'T
PLANNED FOR
THIS RESULT.

THAT THE WHOLE
DAMN PLACE IS
**COMPLETELY
EMPTY!**

LIKE THEY KNEW HE
WAS COMING IN THE
FIRST PLACE, WANTING
TO SEND HIM A
MESSAGE THAT THEY
WILL ALWAYS BE ONE
STEP **AHEAD** OF HIM.





ANOTHER WEATHER ALERT IS BEING GIVEN, THIS TIME FOR RESIDENTS ALONG THE GULF OF MEXICO, AS AN UNSEASONABLY STRONG HURRICANE HAS BEEN BUILDING OFF THE SOUTHERN COAST NEAR LOUISIANA, AND ALONG THE COASTLINE TO FLORIDA. EMERGENCY PRECAUTIONS HAVE BEGUN TO TAKE PLACE AS INCOMING WINDS HAVE BEEN REGISTERED AS STRONG AS 90 MILES PER HOUR.

THIS IS NOW THE THIRTEENTH NATURAL DISASTER TO LAND UPON THE SHORES OF AMERICA IN THE PAST NINE MONTHS, WITH ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE SIMILAR INCIDENTS SCATTERED ACROSS THE REST OF THE GLOBE. WITH LAST WEEK'S STORM IN SPAIN TAKING THE LIVES OF OVER 180 PEOPLE. THOUGH MANY ARE TALKING ABOUT GLOBAL WARMING, SOME EXPERTS HAVE BECOME FAR MORE CYNICAL AND BELIEVE THAT WE ARE SEEING THE HAND OF GOD MAKING HIS PRESENCE KNOWN.



TO ADD FURTHER CONCERNS TO EVERYTHING ELSE, THE SHEER NUMBER OF '**COSTUMED SIGHTINGS**' IN THOSE SAME NINE MONTHS HAS INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY. SOME OFFICIALS IN GOVERNMENT ARE SPECULATING THAT THERE IS A POSSIBLE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE TWO AND THAT MAYBE THE COSTUMED PEOPLE AND THEIR MOSTLY, AS OF TODAY, **UNKNOWN** POWERS ARE POSSIBLY THE CAUSE OF OUR WEATHER PATTERNS SHIFTING.

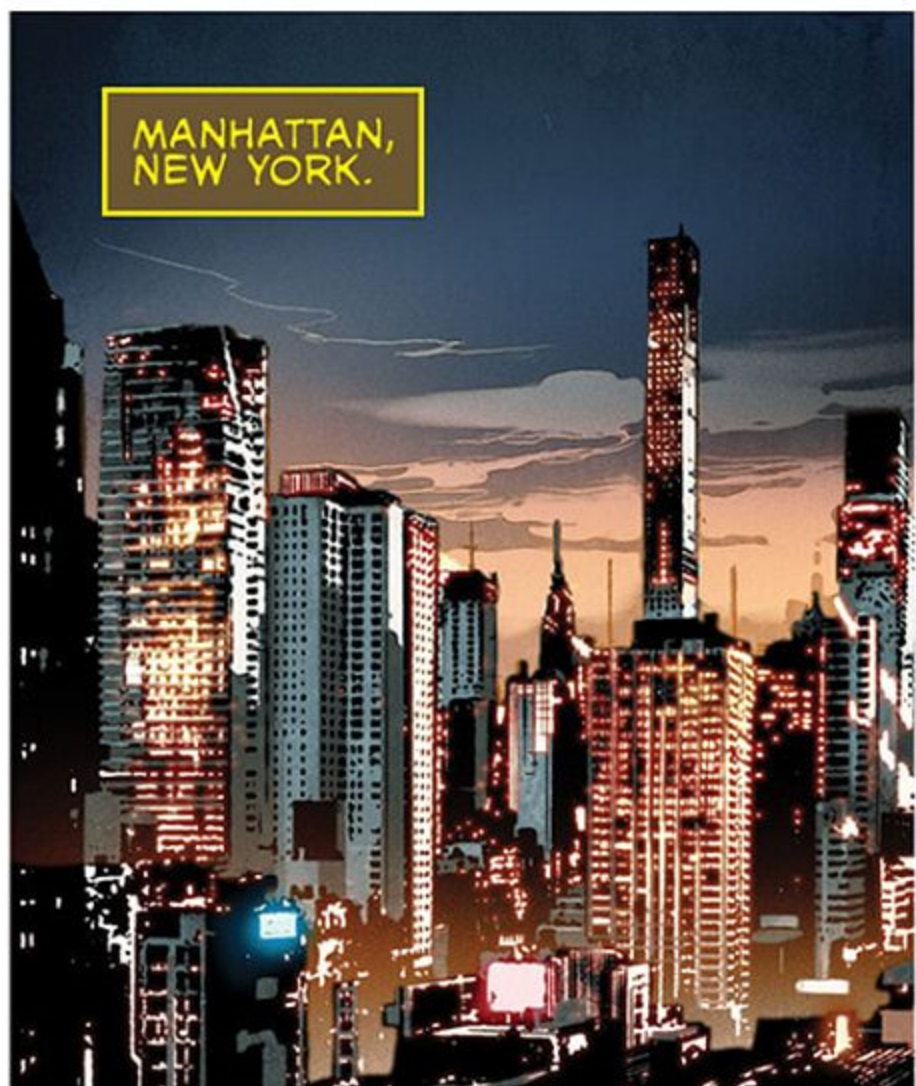
SOME SCIENTISTS ARE LIKENING IT TO THE GRAVITATIONAL PULLS OF THE MOON HAVING A DIRECT CAUSE ON THE OCEAN TIDE'S EBB AND FLOW ON OUR PLANET. BUT SINCE THESE NEWLY SIGHTED BEINGS ARE STILL MOSTLY A MYSTERY TO US, ANGER HAS BEGUN TO GROW FOR OUR GOVERNMENT LEADERS TO STEP UP AND DO SOMETHING ABOUT ALL THIS DESTRUCTION OUR WEATHER IS CAUSING.



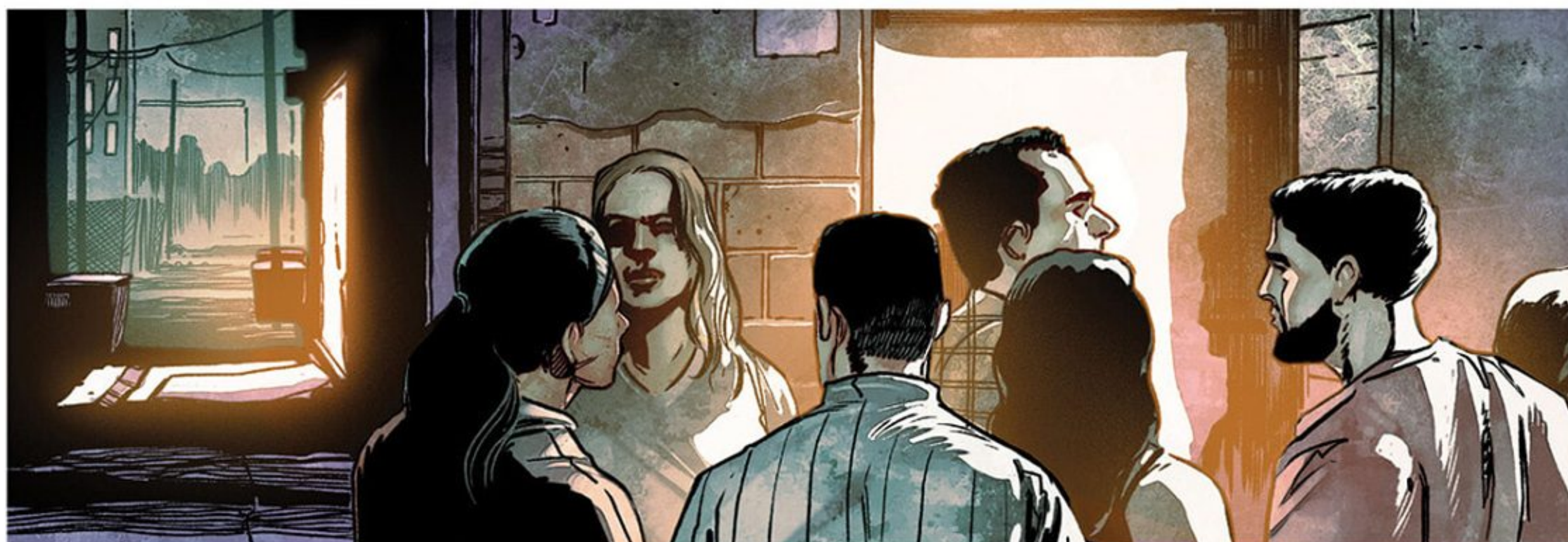
IT'S ALL SOME **MASTER PLAN** CONCOCTED BY THE DEEP STATE THAT'S TRYING TO MAKE SURE THAT THE PATRIOTIC STATES ALONG OUR SOUTHERN BORDERS AND OCEANS, ARE **CONVENIENTLY** IN A STATE OF CHAOS JUST AS SOME VERY CRUCIAL PRIMARY ELECTIONS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE TAKING PLACE. **WHY?! BECAUSE THEY'RE AFRAID OF US!!!** AFRAID WE'LL HAVE THE POWER TO REIGN IN THESE SO-CALLED "**SUPER-HEROES**" AND PROVE ONCE AND FOR ALL THAT THIS WHOLE DEBATE OVER GLOBAL WARMING IS A **HOAX.**

THE RADICAL LEFT SAY IT HAS TO DO WITH FOSSIL FUEL AND MAN-MADE GASES... WELL, I'M TELLIN' YOU IT'S NOT **GOD** THAT'S DOING THIS.--THOUGH HE HAS PLENTY TO BE PISSED OFF ABOUT--IT IS THE FAULT OF THESE **COSTUMED MEN** THAT MADE THIS!!! NOT MAN... **COSTUMED MAN** ARE THE CULPRITS!!!

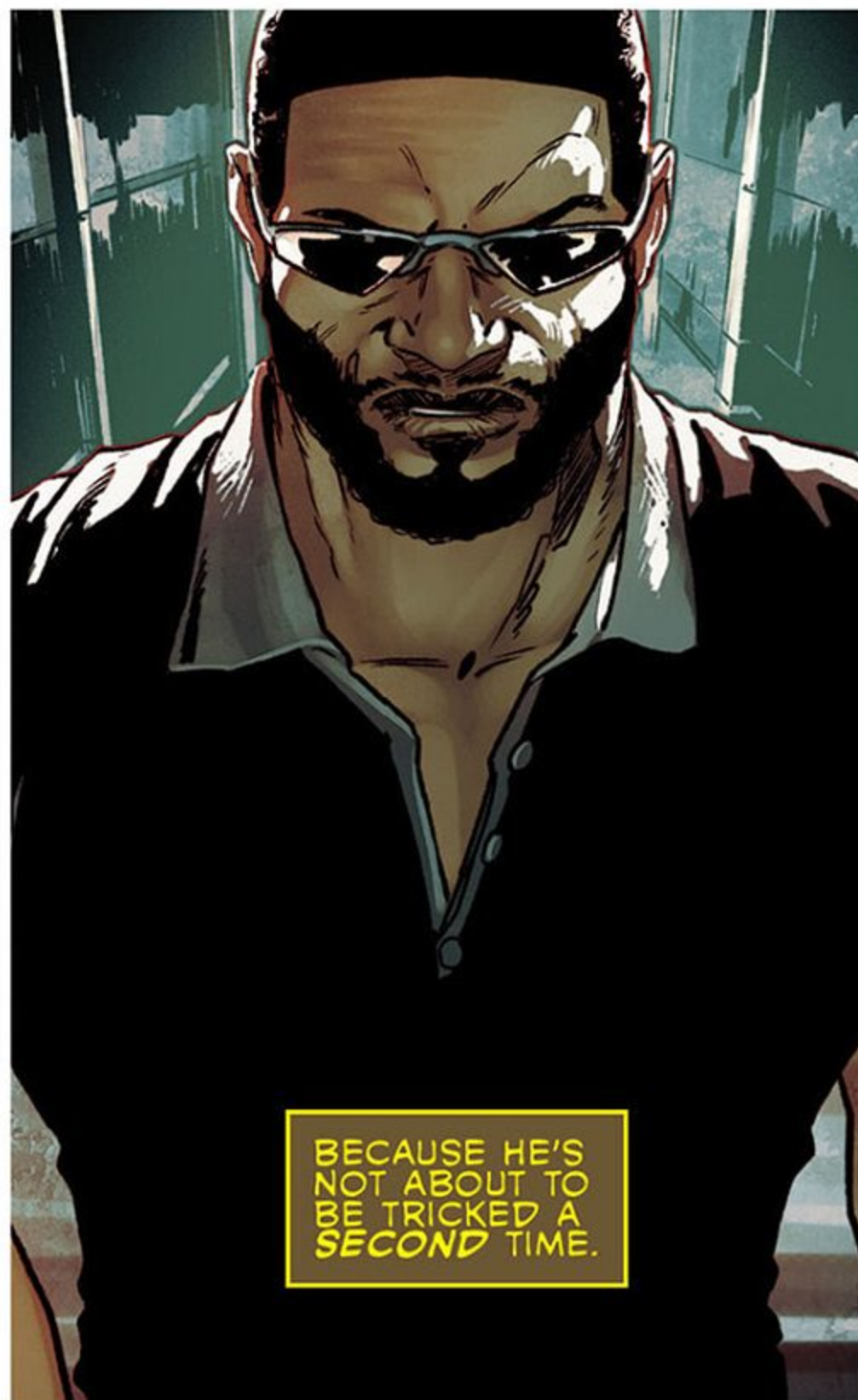
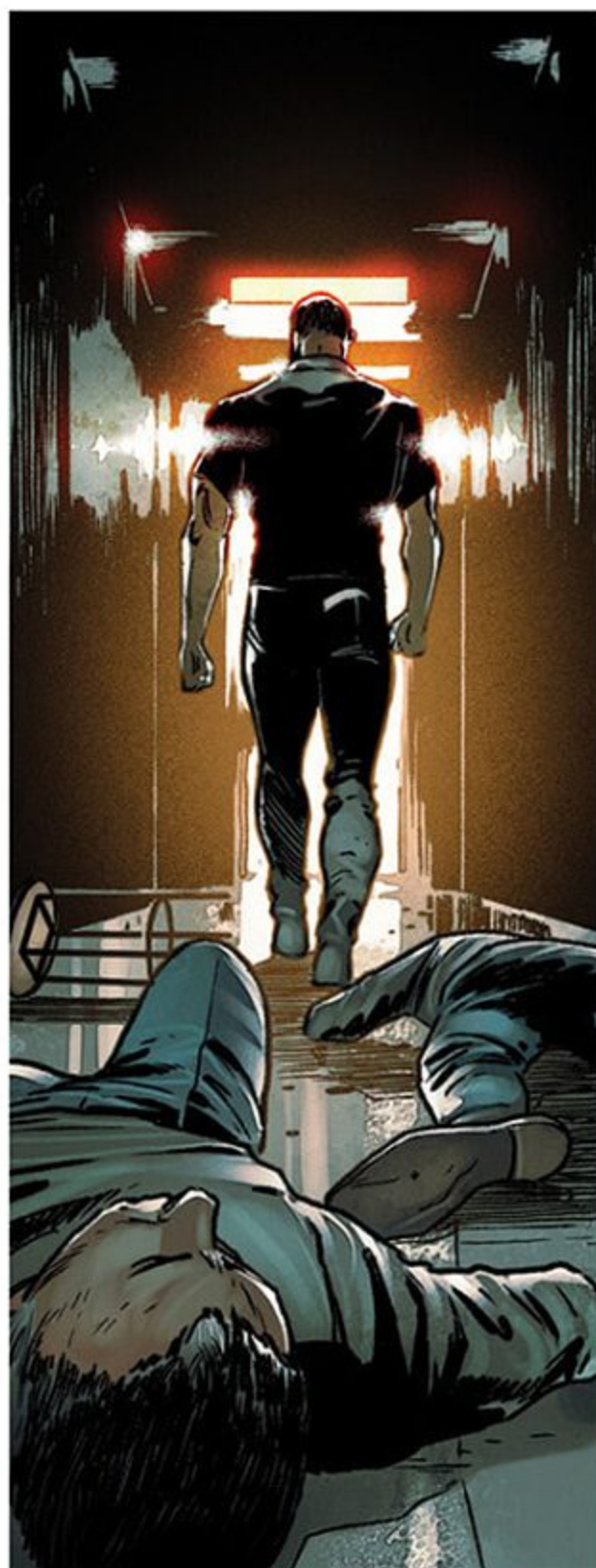
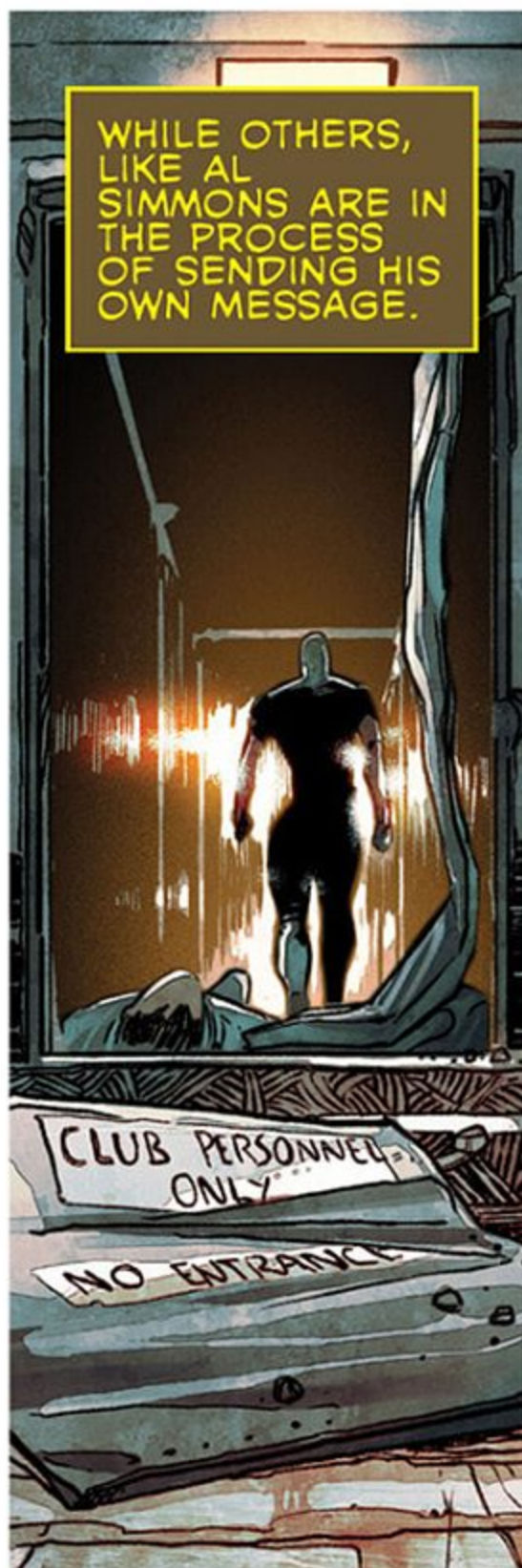
MANHATTAN,
NEW YORK.



THE CITY IS IN
THE MIDDLE OF AN
UNSEASONABLY HOT
SUMMER. THOUGH
THAT ISN'T KEEPING
THE LOCAL PATRONS
FROM ENJOYING
THEIR WEEK NIGHTS.



WHILE OTHERS,
LIKE AL
SIMMONS ARE IN
THE PROCESS
OF SENDING HIS
OWN MESSAGE.



BECAUSE HE'S
NOT ABOUT TO
BE TRICKED A
SECOND TIME.



DOWN THE HALL, IN HIS OFFICE, THE CLUB'S BOSS JIMMY CABRERA KEPT GETTING INTERRUPTED BY STRANGE NOISES. HE'D TOLD HIS EMPLOYEES HE DIDN'T WANT TO BE DISTURBED.

SO, HE WENT TO SHUT DOWN THE ANNOYANCE.

SHIT



AL'S PRESENCE, HE KNEW, MEANT THINGS WERE ABOUT TO GET UGLY.

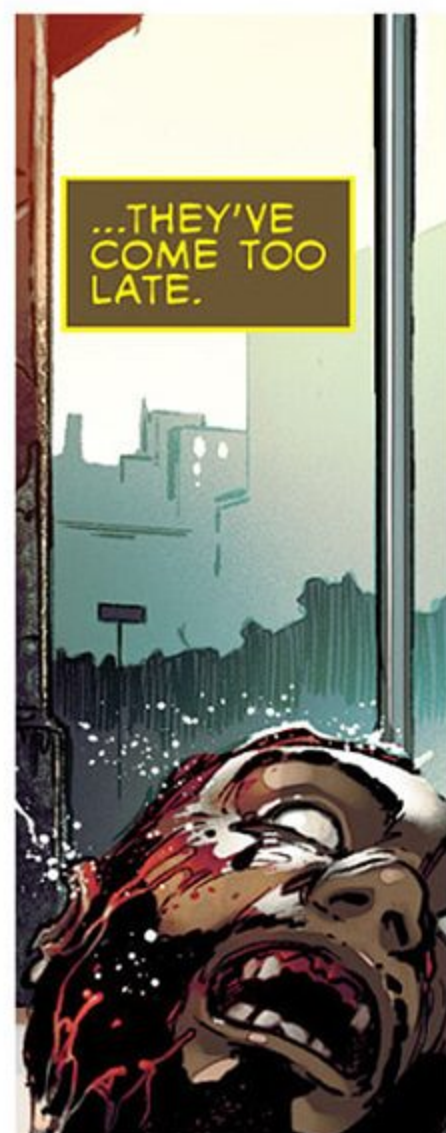
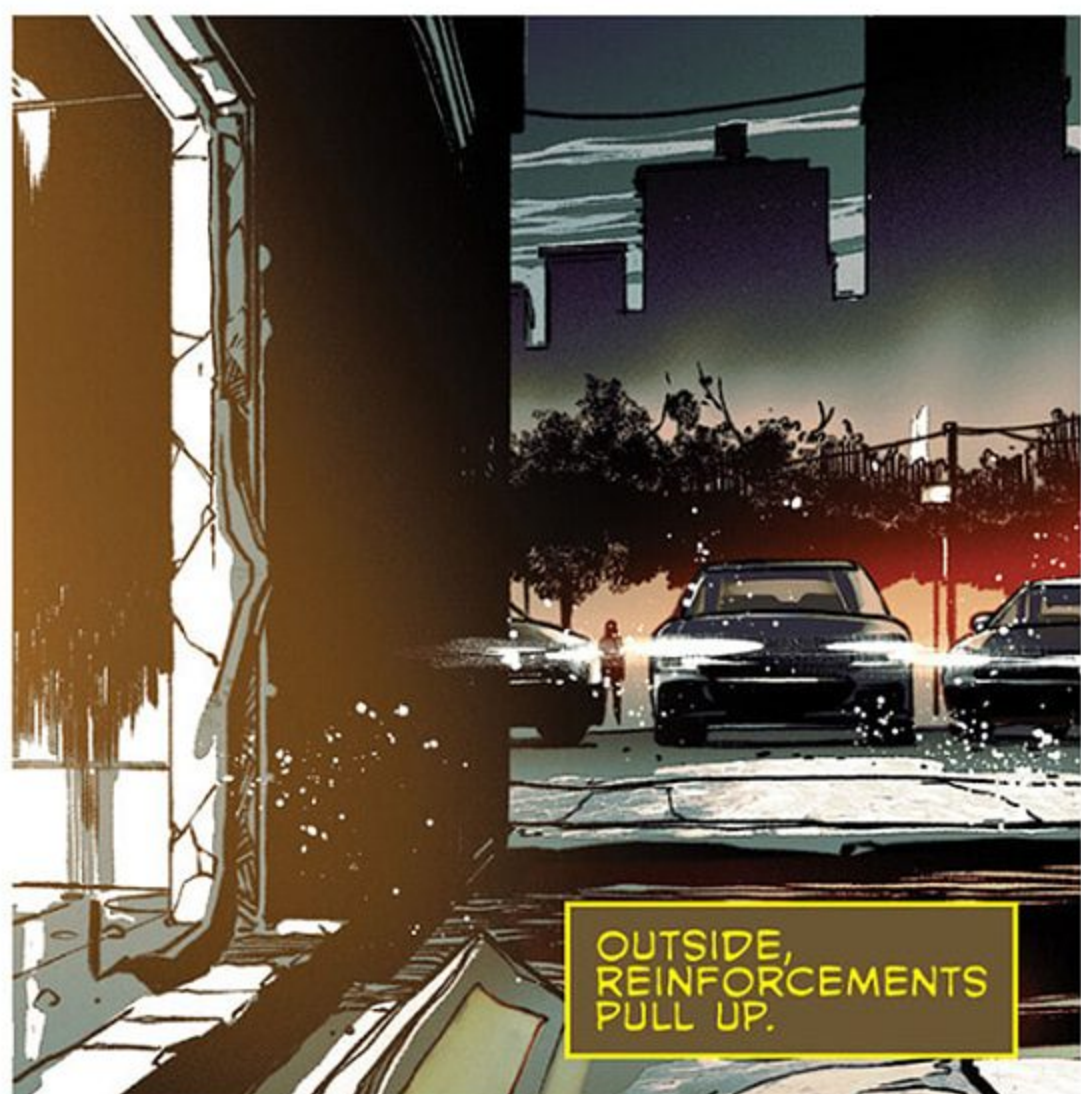


THUK



HELLO, JIMMY.

I'M LOOKING FOR THE 'VISAGE'.





SPAWN'S LEGEND
WILL GROW THIS NIGHT
AS THOSE LIVING IN
THE '**SHADOWS**' WILL
RECOUNT HOW HE
CRISS-CROSSED
THE CITY.



LEAVING IN HIS WAKE,
THE REMAINS OF HIS
'**INTERROGATIONS**'.

SPARING
NEITHER
HEAVEN.



HELL.



VAMPIRES.

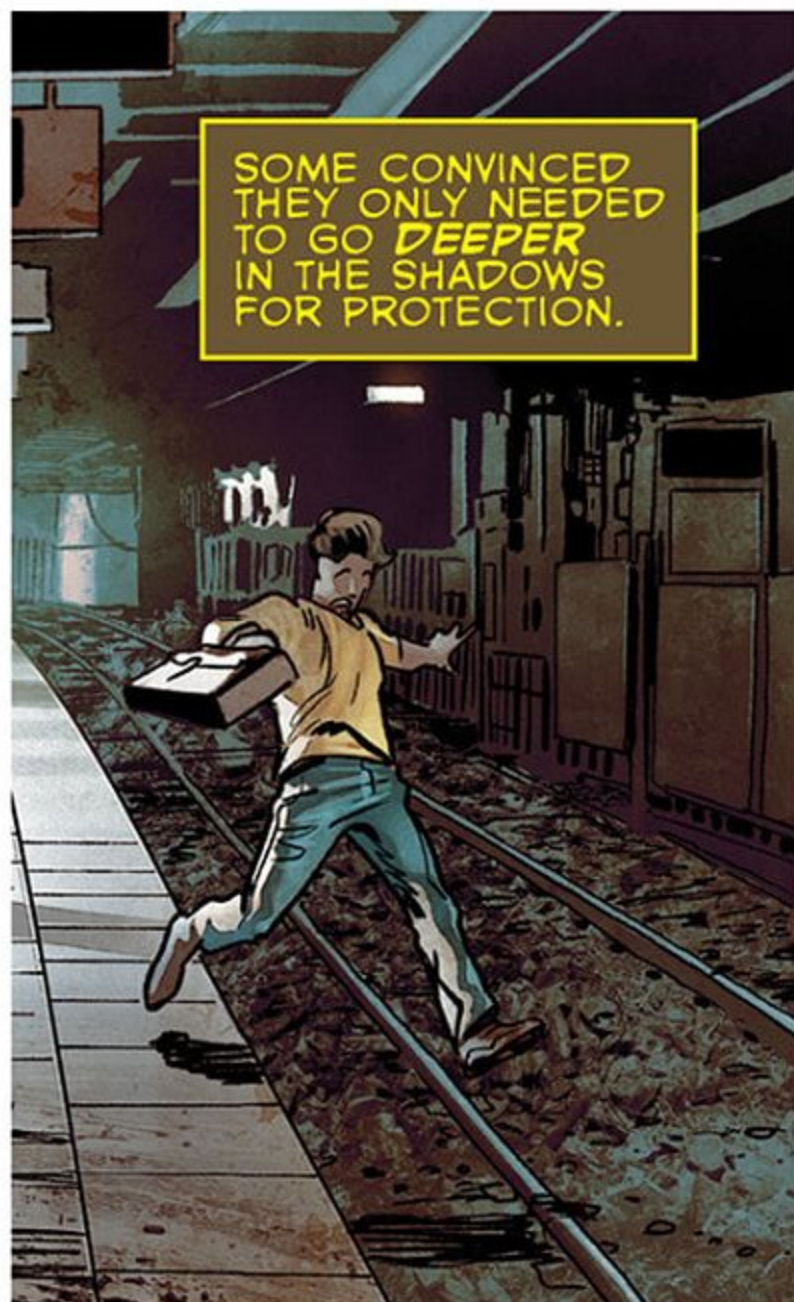
NOR HALF-
BREEDS.



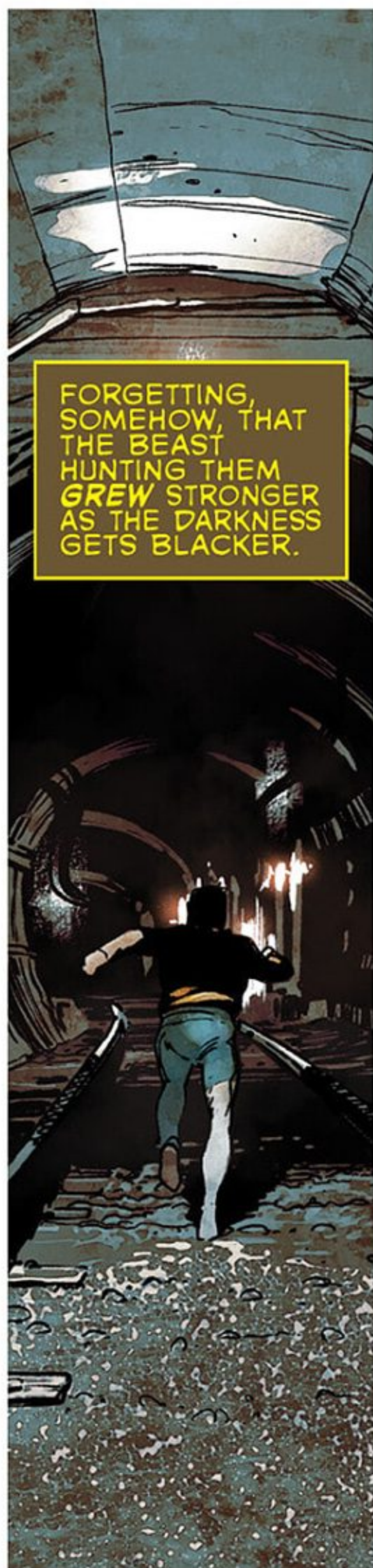
BY THE SECOND NIGHT, THEY WERE ALL RUNNING SCARED.



SOME CONVINCED THEY ONLY NEEDED TO GO **DEEPER** IN THE SHADOWS FOR PROTECTION.



FORGETTING, SOMEHOW, THAT THE BEAST HUNTING THEM **GREW** STRONGER AS THE DARKNESS GETS BLACKER.



THE 'VISAGE'.

WHERE IS SHE?





LONG AGO HE
LEARNED HE
COULD **TRAVEL**
IN THE SHADOWS,
LITERALLY MOVING
ANYWHERE HE
WANTED.

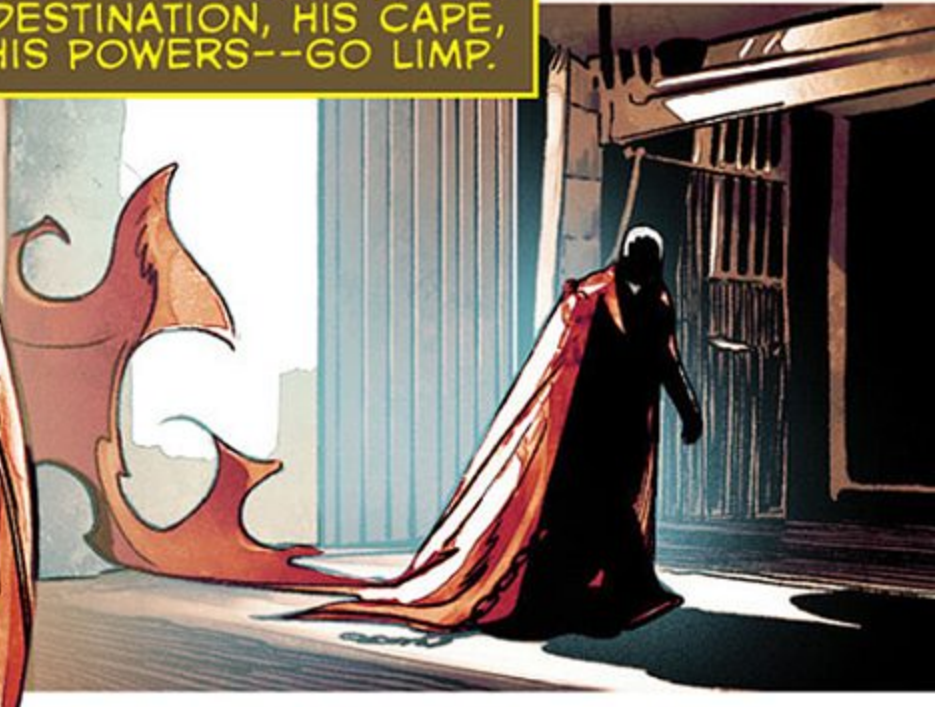


MAKING THE
WORLD HIS OWN
SANDBOX.

BUT HE CHOSE NOT
TO HIDE THIS TIME,
WANTING HIS ENEMIES
TO KNOW HE COULD
BE **ANYWHERE!**



UPON ENTRANCE TO HIS
DESTINATION, HIS CAPE,
HIS POWERS--GO LIMP.





HE'S THANKFUL
FOR HIS MAN-
MADE WEAPONS.



COME IN,
SIMMONS.



I'VE BEEN
EXPECTING YOU.
THOUGH I'M SURE YOU
ALREADY KNEW THAT
GIVEN YOUR RECENT
'INQUIRIES'.

THIS
PLACE IS
A 'DEAD
ZONE'?

IT IS.



DIDN'T
KNOW THIS ONE
EXISTED.



IT'S OKAY,
THERE'S PLENTY
MORE **SECRETS**
YOU'RE NOT
AWARE OF.

BUT THE
ANSWER I'M
WONDERING
ABOUT IS...
WHY ARE YOU
BOTHERING
ME!



HELL'S
THRONE, IT'S ABOUT
TO GET OCCUPIED AND
WHOEVER SITS ON IT
WILL SEND RIPPLES
EVERYWHERE.

AND
WHAT? YOU
THINK SOME-
HOW, WE
CARE?



YOU
TELL
ME.

OUR JOB--
MY **MISSION**--IS
TO OBSERVE. NOTHING
ELSE. BUT YOUR SIDE,
HELL, HEAVEN, YOU THINK
YOU'RE SO IMPORTANT
YOU'LL BE AROUND
FOREVER. THAT WAS
NEVER OUR PLAN FOR
THEM OR THEIR
MOTHER.



YOU'RE ALL
REPLACEABLE.



SO, EITHER
LEAVE OR DO
YOUR WORSE. I'M
GETTING BORED
OF THIS.

AND
STOP STANDING
THERE LIKE A STATUE!
GRAB YOUR DAMN
GUNS AND SHOOT
ME!



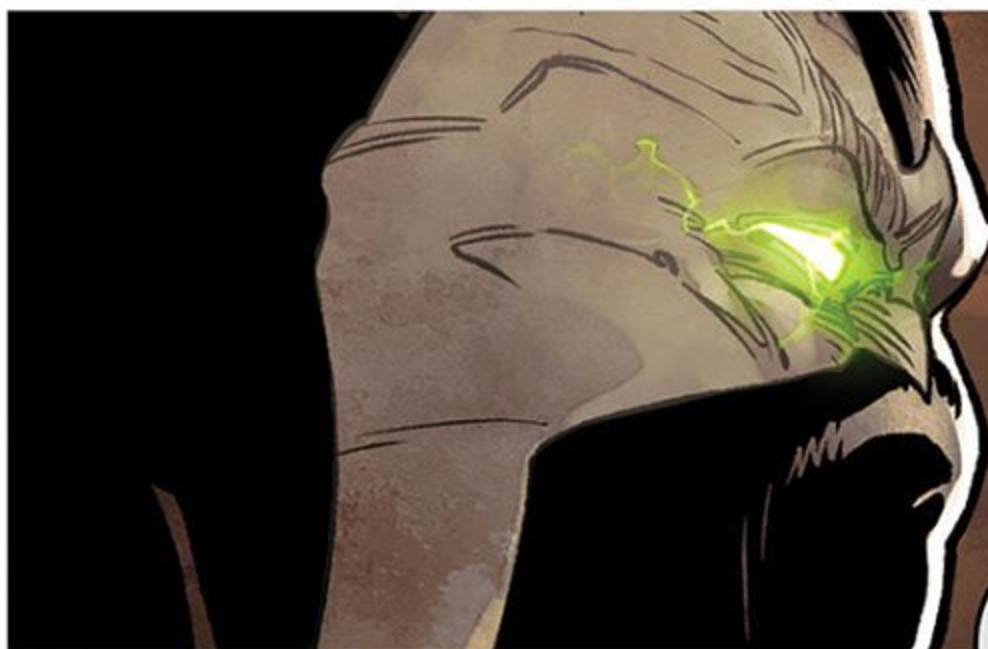
NO.

WHY
NOT?

THIS IS A
SACRED PLACE.
AND WE BOTH KNOW MY
GUNS WON'T WORK,
DON'T WE?



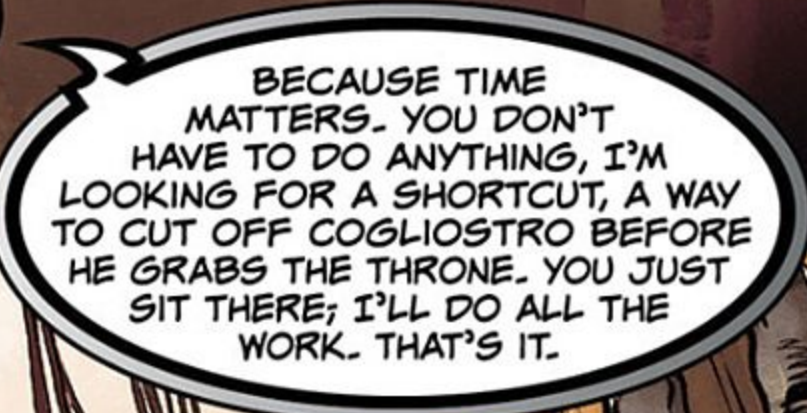
WOULDN'T
BE THE FIRST
TIME YOUR KIND
DESECRATED
THESE SPOTS.



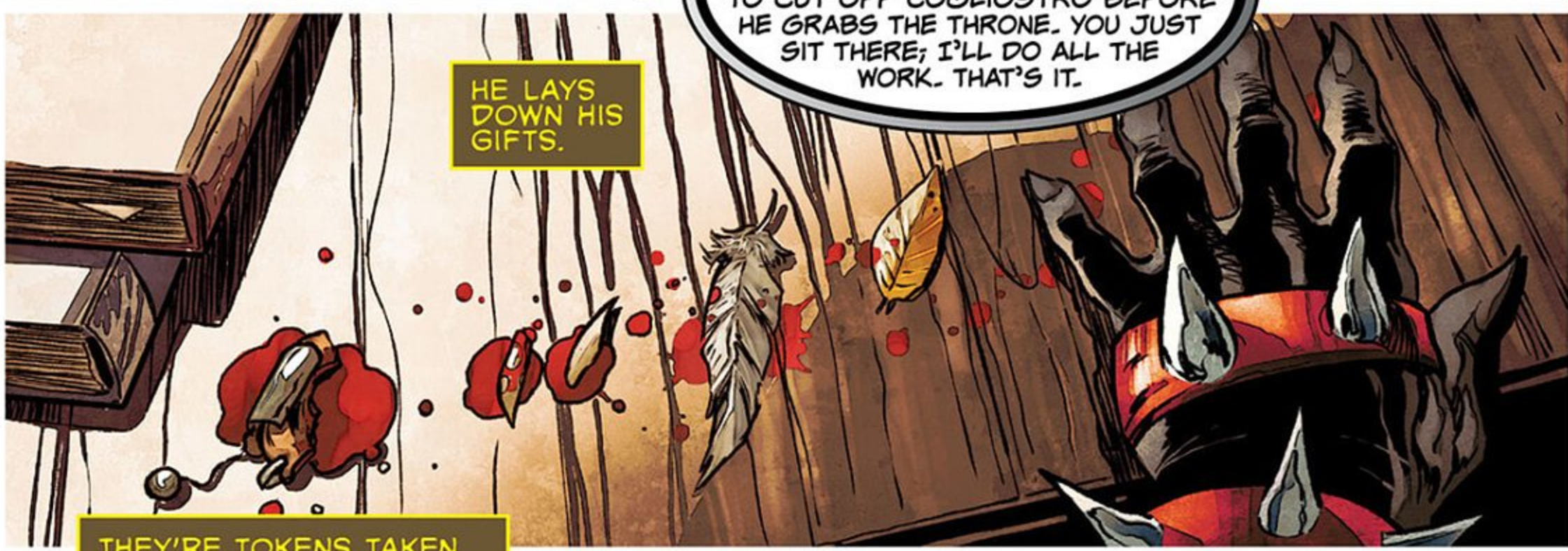
LOOK,
I NEED A
FAVOR.



KICKING IN
MY DOOR LAST
NIGHT. THEN HUNTING
ME DOWN WITH YOUR
PARA-MILITARY GEAR,
THAT'S HOW YOU ASK
FOR FAVORS?



BECAUSE TIME
MATTERS. YOU DON'T
HAVE TO DO ANYTHING, I'M
LOOKING FOR A SHORTCUT, A WAY
TO CUT OFF COGLIOSTRO BEFORE
HE GRABS THE THRONE. YOU JUST
SIT THERE; I'LL DO ALL THE
WORK. THAT'S IT.



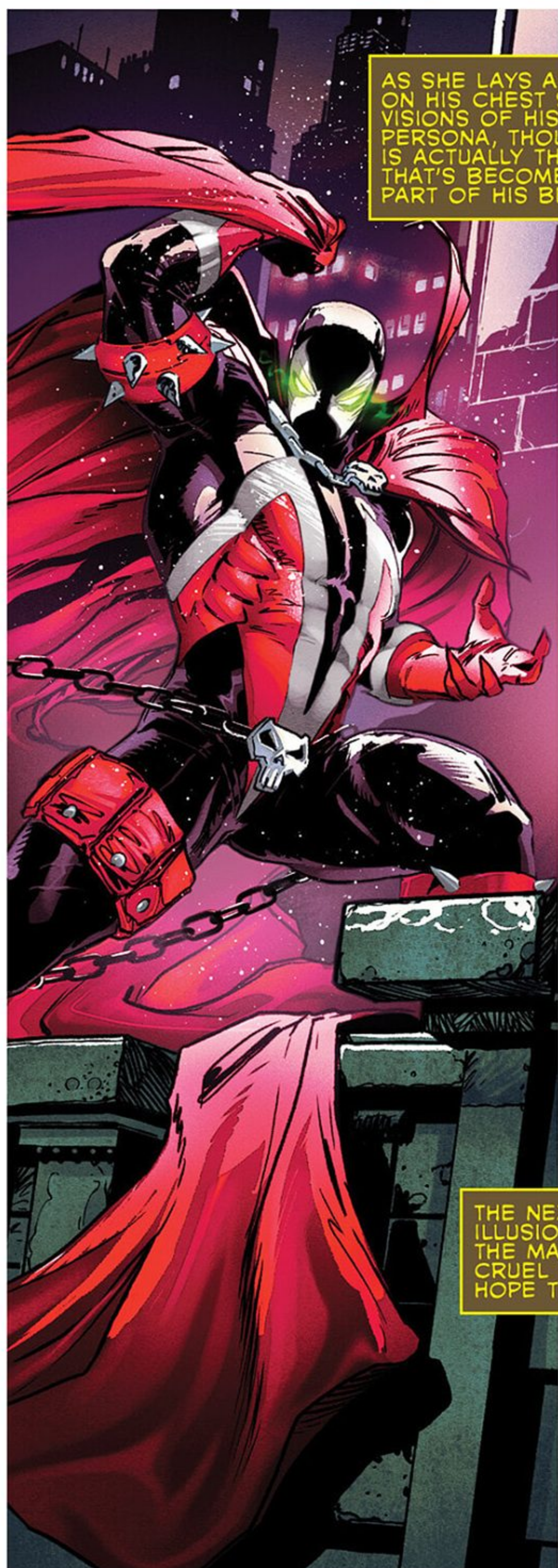
HE LAYS
DOWN HIS
GIFTS.

THEY'RE TOKENS TAKEN
FROM HIS ENEMIES.
HEAVEN. HELL. VAMPIRES.
AND MOTHER NATURE.



SO,
YOU'RE AN
OUTCAST, ARE
YOU? AN ORPHAN,
HATED BY
ALL.

THAT CAN
BE A VERY
LONELY
EXISTENCE.



AS SHE LAYS A GENTLE HAND ON HIS CHEST SHE SEES MANY VISIONS OF HIS 'HEROIC' PERSONA, THOUGH THIS LAYER IS ACTUALLY THE **SYMBIOTE** THAT'S BECOME A PERMANENT PART OF HIS BEING.



THE NEXT LAYER IS THE ILLUSION, THE FACADE, OF THE MAN HE ONCE WAS. A CRUEL DELUSION, GIVING HIM HOPE THAT HE'S STILL HUMAN.

UNTIL FINALLY, SHE UNCOVERS WHAT HE ACTUALLY IS; THE DISCARDS OF A SOUL BOTH PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY SCARRED **FOREVER**.





THEY
DID THAT
TO YOU?

THEY'VE
DONE THIS TO
THOUSANDS
OF US.



WHAT
WAS YOUR
CRIME?

I STOPPED
CARING ABOUT
OTHERS.

THIS
GALAXY HAS
ALWAYS ACTED SO
IRRATIONAL, ESPECIALLY
YOUR HEAVEN AND HELL.
BOTH USING WHATEVER THEY
PLEASE, SOMETIMES FOR
SPORT OR FOR COLLATERAL
DAMAGE. WHAT THEY'RE
DOING ISN'T EVEN UNIQUE,
BUT MY MASTERS, THEY HAVE
JUST ONE GOAL. TO MAKE
SURE INFINITY **EXISTS**.
EVERYTHING ELSE
DISINTERESTS
THEM.



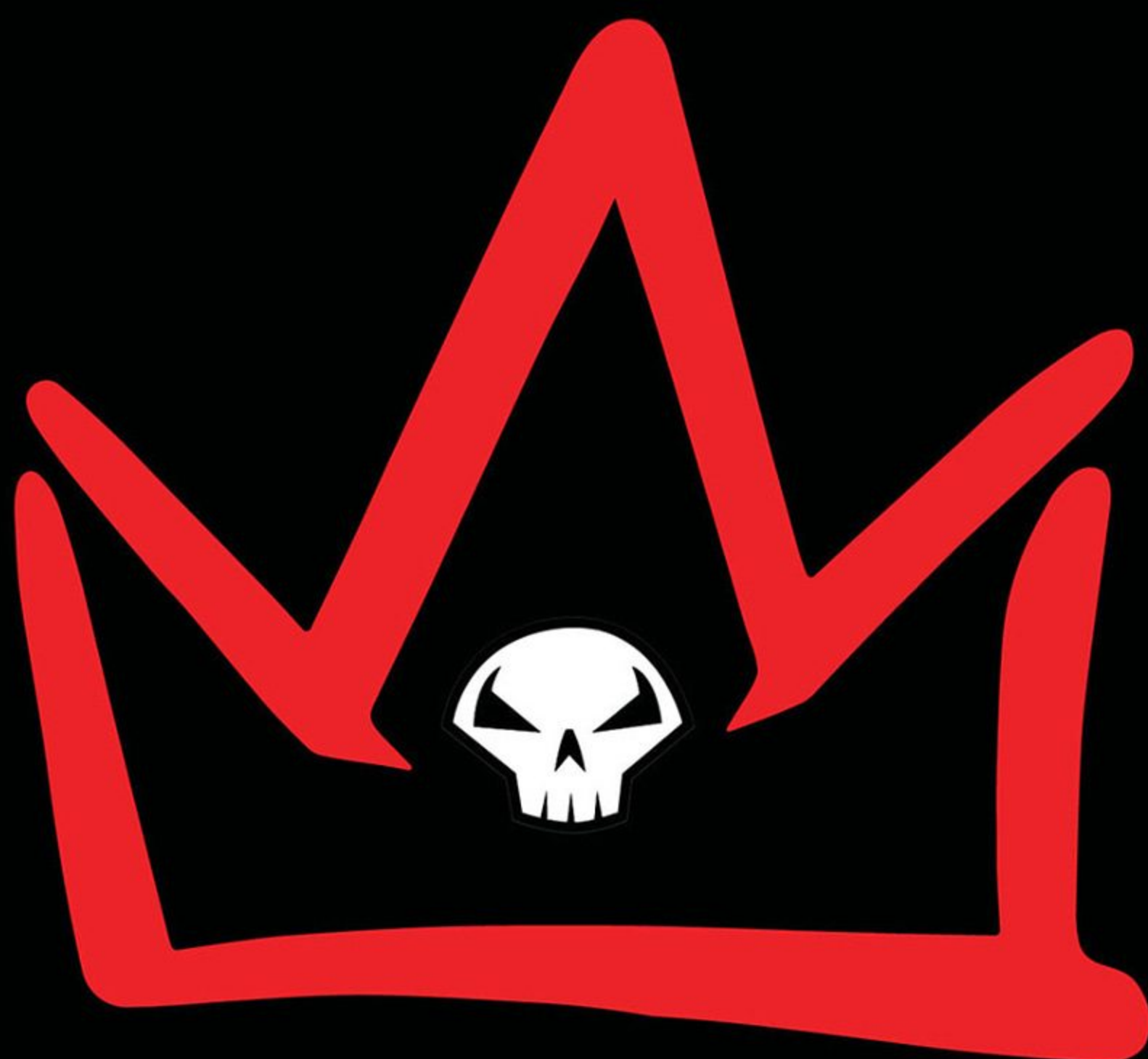
BUT,
I'M CURIOUS,
WHO'D
YOU FORGET
TO CARE
FOR?

SOMEONE
WHO LOVED
ME...I TOOK THAT
FOR GRANTED.
THEN THEY
KILLED HER.









SPAWNING GROUND

PRESENTS:

MAILBAG

Hi to you all at the Spawning Ground! I started reading Spawn from issue 284. I was looking for something different to what I had previously been reading (mostly superhero books from the "big two"). I have to say I love it! I remember seeing the Spawn film back in the '90s and thought to myself, I know this character a little bit, so I thought I'd give it a go. Let me tell you, I've not been disappointed! I pick up all of the books and am really enjoying how the Spawniverse is expanding and gelling together. Thanks to all of the writers and artists on each of the books, and most of all, thank you to Todd for keeping Spawn going all this time! I have a question for you. Looking at the Fan Art in the back of Gunslinger #23, I am really impressed with the artwork here. Are the artists really just fans, or are they professional artists? The art is so good it looks professional to me. Thanks for reading my email, and keep up the great work!

-GRAHAM from UK

Hey, Graham! Thanks for jumping on board and supporting the Spawn Universe. I'm glad you're enjoying the books., We have a lot planned for the future, and as far as the Fan Art goes, yes, those are all just Spawn fans. Now, some of them are surely good enough to be professional artists, and who knows, maybe one day they'll have their art on a cover. But we just love that the fans send us some of the coolest art they can.

-THOMAS

Hey Todd and team! I've been reading Spawn each month for almost 3 years now. Spawn #314 was the first independent comic I ever read, and it's still one of my favorites. I was super excited for the launch of the Spawn Universe, which has been awesome and continues to be with the cool new characters and callbacks to the older issues. All of the creative teams are doing such a great job on their books. I read all the titles every month and can't wait for the new books revealed at SDCC. I have also been catching up on the series through the compendiums, which are awesome. I really hope you keep making those. I was wondering if you guys would ever consider doing compendiums/collected editions of the older spin-off series like

Curse of the Spawn, Spawn the Dark Ages, and Sam and Twitch, as well as the one-shots from throughout the years. Thank you for the awesome books, and keep up the great work!

-BROOKS K

Brooks, thanks for writing in and reading Spawn! I hope by now you've seen the announcements that we made at SDCC. Lots of new stuff is coming your way! That's not even including more announcements coming at NYCC! To answer your question, yes, we have talked about putting some of the other series into Compendium format. Once we get Spawn all caught up, we will see what makes the most sense to do next. Keep an eye out in 2024.

-THOMAS

Hello, I would like to offer you my drawings dedicated to Spawn and Malebolgia. If you like them, I will be very happy to see them (or one of them) in one of the new issues of the comic.

-VICTOR B

Victor, thanks for sending in these badass pieces of Spawn art. They look sick! I am especially a fan of the Malebolgia piece. Thanks for sharing your art with us.

-THOMAS



Do you have a question or comment about Spawn? If so, e-mail it to us at:
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NOWHERE MEN

HOWTOONS THEY'RE NOT LIKE US **SUNSTONE** SEVEN TO ETERNITY

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